

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claim 3 contains allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 1-3 are amended for better clarity, as the Examiner requested. Reconsideration in light of the foregoing claim amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiners Dung Nguyen and Nancy Nguyen for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative, Mr. Luo, during the July 13, 2005 personal interview. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

The Office Action objects to claim 2. Claim 2 is amended to overcome this objection. According, withdrawal of the objection to claim 2 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 1 is amended to overcome this rejection. According, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0149728 to Ogishima et al. ("Ogishima"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that Ogishima discloses all elements recited in claims 1, 2 and 4. However, Ogishima does not disclose or suggest the tilting direction of the liquid crystal molecules being opposite to each other in the two transmissive display areas, as recited in claim 1.

Ogishima discloses a liquid crystal layer 30, 330 in which molecules are oriented symmetrically around axis SA and axis SB because of the inclined surfaces of protrusions 16, 316. See Figs. 2B and 33B, and paragraphs [0110] and [0115]. The molecules in transmissive areas (represented by T in Fig. 33b and by SA in Fig. 2(b)) are oriented in the

same direction. Ogishima does not disclose or suggest that those molecules in those transmissive areas are oriented in opposite directions. Therefore, Ogishima does not disclose or suggest the tilting direction of the liquid crystal molecules being opposite to each other in the two transmissive display areas, as recited in claim 1.

For at least the above reasons, Ogishima does not disclose each and every element recited in claim 1, and claims 2 and 4 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claim are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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